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Fiscal Note

HF 787 - Abortion Parental Notification Statistics (LSB 3124 HV)

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Description

House File 787 adds a new section to the reporting requirements for a termination of pregnancy. The Bill requires health care providers who induce a termination of pregnancy on a minor to report to the Department of Public Health if notification was provided to the parent, if the minor obtained a waiver of the notification requirement from the juvenile court, or if the notification requirement of a parent was inapplicable and the reason it was inapplicable. A provider who knowingly does not comply with this reporting requirement would be guilty of a serious misdemeanor under existing provisions in the Code of Iowa.

Background

There are 13,000 physicians that report information to the Department of Public Health. In Calendar Year 2002, there were 447 induced terminations of pregnancy on minors reported to the Department.

Assumptions

1. It is unknown how many reports the Department of Public Health will receive from providers.
2. It is estimated there will be increased costs for the Department of Public Health associated with the modification of reporting forms; notifying providers of the change; data entry and programming, printing, and mailing of forms; and production of the annual report.
3. The average State cost for one serious misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$100 to \$4,100. The maximum costs will be incurred across multiple years while the offender is supervised in the correctional system, either in prison or in the community.

Correctional Impact

There have been no convictions for failure to provide information required in any reporting requirement of vital events, including termination of pregnancy reporting; therefore, it is not anticipated that the addition of this requirement would result in any violations, charges, or convictions.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of HF 787 is expected to be minimal. The annual cost to the Department of Public Health will be an estimated increase in State General Fund expenditures of \$26,000 and 0.35 FTE position.

Sources

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division
Department of Public Health
Judicial Branch

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